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Ecclesiasticus 4:26

“Confession”



**Be not ashamed to
confess thy sins,
and force not the
course of the river.**

The first part of
this verse is fairly
straightforward.

Don't be embarrassed
about confessing your
sins.

However, what does

the latter part of
the verse mean?

To me, forcing the
course of the river is
what happens when
people do not humble
themselves to God and
confess, either to God
or others (or both).

By refusing to confess,
that forces a
progression of

situations or reactions
to your behavior. It's
making some bad thing
happen that could have
been avoided.

For example, something
unfortunate may be in
line to happen and,
rather than slowing or
detering it, you, by not
confessing your sins,
compel that

heavy flow of
unpleasantness
to occur.

Let's say you're driving
and you run a stop
light. Law enforcement
stops you and tells you
what you did wrong.
By acknowledging your
wrongdoing
(confessing), you may
be given only a warning,

but by being belligerent
and uncooperative
(forcing the course of
the river), you're setting
yourself up for a ticket
or something worse.

Sometimes, confession
is just a good, right,
and even a very
helpful thing.

Sometimes confession

relieves both victim
as well as perpetrator.
Confession can be
good for the soul.